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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF  
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Dear Sir:

This response is to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed February 13, 2007. The notice indicates that the sole deficiency with the appeal brief is a missing "Related Proceedings Appendix". Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement.

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The appeal brief is complete as filed. The part of the brief describing related appeals is complete. Because prosecution was reopened, neither the Board nor any court made any decision. Therefore, no "Related Proceedings Appendix" is required.

Applicant's attorney thanks Patent Appeal Center Specialist Monroe for a telephone conference today, February 22, 2007, discussing how to respond to the notification. In accordance with that conversation, and in the interest of clarity and advancing the case for appeal, Applicant submits a page entitled "Related Proceedings Appendix", which states none as no decisions were rendered by a court or the Board.

Applicant requests that this be included as part of the appeal brief. No other papers are required in order to comply with the notification.

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Respectfully submitted,



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**RELATED PROCEEDINGS APPENDIX**

None